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will in the plan. The plan is fine, but one's thinking ought to reflect and have an acknowledgment of God's plan and purpose.

*Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do and that.'* He goes on to point out that a failure to acknowledge God is evil and arrogant. Presuming that you hold the reins to the future. *Boastful rejoicing is evil.*

It isn't wrong to make college plans, career plans, start a 401k or to purchase a home with an accompanying mortgage. All of these things imply a planning into the future. The successful completion of any of them is under the watchful eye of God and with his blessing. To presume you did it all, that each item is a check off on your master plan of success, discounts the participation of God in your life and shifts your focus from faith in him to faith in yourself.

The failure to complete a mortgage, a business plan, or any other design that we had hoped for our futures, may only be God making modifications to accomplish his purpose. We would do well to be patient and mindful of such things.

Grace and Peace,  
Carl

*Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.*

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## The Day Is At Hand

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Do you ever try to plan things that are out of your control? Of course you have. In reality, future things are never in our control. You can plan a crop and get too small a yield. The yield can be fantastic and the prices can drop to nothing. We can plan retirement and find our health is too frail to travel. We can expect to slow down and end up raising grandkids. As Robert Burns wrote long ago, *The best laid schemes of mice and men often go awry.*

What is the outcome? Should we plan nothing, live by our wits and hope to eke out a meager existence? Does proper planning indicate a lessened dependence on God?

The admonition of James 4 is not about planning for one's future. Yet he issues a warning to those who say, *"Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, spend a year there, buy and sell and make a profit.... You do not know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? It is just a vapor that appears for a little while and vanishes away."*

His caution is about failing to include God's

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**SUNDAY:** Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am  
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am  
Worship Service—10:45 am

**WEDNESDAY:** Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)

**ELDERS:** Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,  
George Shelton, Tom Turner

**DEACONS:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril

**TREASURER:** Richard Brensing

### WORSHIP ORDER FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2018

SONG LEADER: Richard Brensing  
GATHERING SONG: No. 266—Majesty  
WELCOME: Tom Turner  
SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 59:16-17 (Kolton Sizemore)  
SONGS: No. 15—Step by Step  
No. 18—Faithful Love  
No. 484—You Are My All in All  
No. 470—Victory in Jesus  
No. 779—I Love You, Lord  
PRAYER: Jerry Kinnamon  
SONG: No. 313—The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1, 2, 3)  
COMMUNION: Tom Turner  
Orrin Feril  
Ben Sizemore  
Chris Mansel  
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)  
SONG: No. 959—Just a Little Walk with Jesus  
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)  
SONG: No. 948— I am Resolved (vs 1)  
PRAYER: Stan Aldrich

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### WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship; please come again!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Dylan and Destiny Huffman are pleased to announce the birth of their baby boy, **Shae Michael**. He was born November 2nd at 1:26 am at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, weighing in at 7 lbs, 8 oz and was 20 inches long.



### WEDDING GIFT



We are collecting money for a group wedding gift for **Sarah Marks**, and **Josh Martin**, who will be married next Saturday, Nov 10th, in a private ceremony. Please give your money to Janet no later than this Friday.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Young Parents—beginning November 7th, please make plans to come to the parenting class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Carl & Janet's home. Childcare & a Children's Bible Class will be offered here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and pick them up at 7:45 pm. See Carl or Tom for more details. Help is needed each week with the childcare/Bible Class—see Tom if you are available.

### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TODAY

You are asked to join efforts with other Kansas churches today in contributing something extra for Roger Dickson's mission work in Africa, sponsored by the Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson. Mark your check with "Donation for Roger Dickson". Learn more at: [www.africainternational.org](http://www.africainternational.org)



### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rick Toland** (Marla's cousin in Topeka) - cancer  
**Vince, Teddy's brother-in-law**—heart problems  
**Gayle Sears** (Marla's friend) breast cancer; chemo  
**Kim Staub**—Parkinson's  
**Diane Campbell**—MS  
**Jim Walton** (Stafford) - throat cancer  
**Katherine Suiter**—cancer  
**Crystal Easley** (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer  
**David Ivy** (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema  
**Jenny Walker** (Carol's sister)  
**Roger Dick**—ongoing cancer treatments  
**Theo Birkett** (Tara's mother)  
**Jim Soukup** (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])  
**June Cornwell**—Kenwood Plaza  
**Glennys Sallabedra** (Tom's mother) - in Leisure Homestead in Stafford

### SYMPATHY

**Peggy Bauer** passed away last Wednesday at Wesley Hester Care Unit in Hutchinson. Memorial service will be 10:30 am on Monday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood.

### SAVE THE DATE

Stocking Stuffers of Central Kansas will have their 7th annual soup luncheon on Sunday, December 2nd.

### WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

Friday, April 13 (5p-9p); Saturday April 14 (8a-4p)

Preregistration Nov 1—Jan 31 = \$63

Registration Feb 1—Apr 13 = \$68

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